

June 23, 2004

Scott Kirkpatrick, Chairman  
Louisiana Ground Water Resources Commission  
P. O. Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9275

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

A group of water users are seeking approval, per Act 49 of the 2003 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, of the Louisiana Ground Water Resources Commission (the Commission) to form a regional stakeholder body based on the general location of the Chicot Aquifer. We are attaching a draft statement of purpose, which is admittedly a work-in-progress. The Statement of Purpose indicates our desire to support and advise the Commission in its charge to manage the state's groundwater resources. We have listed a few objectives of the stakeholder group to support the Commission's charge.

We expect that an organizational meeting will be held within ninety days, so that we could report back to the Commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

We thank you for your consideration of our request to be recognized, and we look forward to a favorable determination.

Respectfully Submitted,

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xc: Louisiana Ground Water Commission Members  
Louisiana Ground Water Advisory Task Force Members

## **Chicot Aquifer Stakeholders Group**

### **Statement of Purpose**

June 18, 2004

Act 49 of the 2003 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature created the Louisiana Ground Water Resources Commission (Commission) and defined their role in protecting and preserving Louisiana's groundwater resources. That Act also provided for the creation of regional stakeholder bodies based on the general location of major aquifer systems.

The Chicot Aquifer Stakeholders (CASH) Group exists to support and advise the (Commission) in its task to manage the state's subsurface water resources. While the support and advice offered to the Commission will be primarily in the Chicot Aquifer area, CASH will collect data and provide local input to the Commission as needed to ensure that the statewide goals of the Commission are met.

Participation in CASH is informal, at least in the formative stage. We expect to formalize involvement and participation in CASH, particularly in reference to any voting issues. All rules are subject to approval by the Commission, as authorized by Act 49 of 2003. Involvement with CASH will be solicited from all classes of users of water drawn from the Chicot Aquifer for any beneficial use, using agencies represented on the Commission itself as well as agencies represented on the Ground Water Management Advisory Task Force. The areal extent of the Chicot Aquifer, for the purpose of soliciting participation in CASH, shall be based on maps provided by the United States Geological Survey. The appointed member of the Commission representing the interests of Chicot Aquifer stakeholders shall serve as the liaison between the Commission and CASH.

The objectives of CASH are, but are not limited to: to provide a forum for Chicot Aquifer stakeholders to discuss issues which could impact the quality or quantity of water drawn from the Chicot Aquifer, sustainability, land subsidence and other related matters; to seek funding to sponsor special studies or academic research; to conduct public education on groundwater-related topics, including the preparation of an annual report to the Commission on the condition of the Chicot Aquifer; to conduct surveys; and to serve as a repository of research and reference material about the Chicot Aquifer.

The office of CASH will be housed at the University of Louisiana – Lafayette, in the Geology Department. Correspondence will be directed to the office at:

Chicot Aquifer Stakeholders Group  
C/o University of Louisiana – Lafayette  
Geology Department  
P. O. Box 44530  
Lafayette, LA 70504-4530

Meetings will be held no less than quarterly, and special meetings will be called as needed. Regular meetings will be announced with at least two weeks' notice, and special meetings will be announced with as much notice as practical. Meeting location will be announced at the time of the meeting announcement; however we anticipate that the meetings will be held at ULL's Geology Department. Minutes of those meetings will be taken and filed in the CASH office and posted on the CASH website.

No dues will be collected, and no reimbursement for travel expenses is provided.

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